101 Only an old knowledgeable Bororo chief and his wife are still living there, and we moved there to work with them.

114 The village of Pobojari was built in the traditional circular shape, with the men's house in the center and nine [162] houses around it. In one year of residence there we counted a total of 99 people in the village (of whom 13 were children) [163] with roughly 50 people there at any one time. Eight people [165] died, and there was one birth. The majority of the adult [733] population were alcoholics and suffered from various kinds [164] of respiratory diseases. We were able to gather considerable data watching funeral ceremonies, but after the first few deaths these ceremonies became an obstacle to our work because our informants were involved so much of the time performing ceremonial duties. As a result the situation in the village was quite depressing and the working conditions were at times difficult. The days were often spent waiting for an inform- 114 ant to sober up. The situation sharply contrasted with re- 178 ports of previous researchers which depicted the Bororo as a happy and easygoing people always ready to laugh. But the [224] economic conditions had changed. Game was practically non- [226] existent, and great time and effort were required to catch [167] fish in waters that had become muddy as a result of agricultural changes introduced by the Brazilian settlers.

114 The land surrounding our village had already been allot- 167 ted to Brazilian farmers, and only our presence there kept 177 the settlers from forcing the Bororo to move away. "Americans" are considered powerful people, and besides everybody

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842 757 avoid conception and pregnancy by means of some potions and tisanes which they obtain from roots, /122/ leaves, and bark of plants -- and they are familiar with a great variety of them, to which they attribute efficacy for the desired purpose. The woman and the man take them, not only once, but many times. The action itself of these remedies is very relative and problematical; it seems that many draw their value from superstition, as I had the chance to verify. The effectiveness of some of the potions that are called Jorubo bó et ore bocua-re-u, however, cannot be denied. To judge by appearances, the substances that they use most to avoid conception are in general very astringent, their active element thus probably being tannin."

847 The Bororo also told me that they used different abortive methods. According to Colbacchini (o.c., p. 59), "they induce abortion by physical means -- hard work, carrying enormous loads, blows on the abdomen, or an exaggerated compression of it ... or also taking some foods or beverages that might produce such an effect."

Also Karl von den Steinen (o.c., p. 503) mentions that abortion by internal means is frequent. As far as we could see, one cannot draw from the limitation in deliveries among the Bororo any conclusions with respect to the position of the sexes.

• 163 In this matter it is interesting to examine the number of births, as I was able to verify with the help of the parish books on the eighteenth day of January of 1934 in the mission of [177 191] Meruri. Of course it is to be noted in this respect that the influence of the Salesians produced basic changes.

In the following list, the numbers that follow the names /123/ of the parents indicate their probable years of life. A v after these numbers signifies widower or widow from a previous marriage.

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163 If the children are from a previous marriage of the husband, the number for them is put in parenthesis; being from a previous marriage of the woman, the number is between brackets.

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	Father	Mother	Children living m	Children living f	Children dead m	Children dead f
1	Alexio 50	Alvina 55		2		1
2	Antonio 55 v	Assumpção 65 v	(1)	[1]	[1] (3) [1]	[1]
3	Attilho 23	Frederica 17			1	
4	Braz 50	Josefina 38		2	4	1 3
5	Benedito 65	Loiduvina 55		1	1	
6	Bentino 20	Dosithea 20				
7	Baptista 26	Erminia 21		1		1
8	Claudio 22	Ismaelita 19			1	
9	Domingo 50	Natalia 52			1	1
10	Elias 21	Conceição 18		2		
11	Estanisláo 45	Angelina 45			1	1
12	Eugenio 18	Cecilia 16			1	
13	João 38	Regina 19				
14	João Cagliero 50	Judith 50		1	4	2 2
15	João Baptista 50 v	Lucina 20		(2)	(1) 1	(4)
16	Modesto 35	Anita 26		2	2	
17	Sebastião 55 v	Aida 40 v	(2)	[1]	(1)	[1]
18	Thiago 35	Maria Luisa 35		1	1	2

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	Father	Mother	Children living m	Children living f	Children dead m	Children dead f
19	Ugo 27	Claudia 22		2		
20	Vito 45	Angelina ?	3	2		
21	Rafael 60 v	Catarina 32	(1)	(3)		
22	Manoel 32	Jacinta 45 v	[1] 1	4		
23	José Maria 27	Theresa 26		1		1
24	Justino 39	Clotilde 35	2	1	1	3
25	Joaquim 70	Irene 50		(2)	(1)	(1)
26	Cirilo 35	Maria 42 v	[1]	[1] 2		
27	Luiz 50	Florisbela 55	1	1	2	1
28	Gabriel Pilar 34 (abandoned his wife)		2	1		1
		Total:	31	39	20	17
	orphan brothers		1	2		
	" "		1	2		
	orphan boy		1			
	orphan girl			1		
	3 bachelors					
	1 widower					
	1 widow					